Title: Request the government to settle the claim for crop insurance of groundnut growers of the Andhra Pradesh.

DR. MANDA JAGANNATH (NAGAR KURNOOL): Sir, I would like to raise an important matter regarding sanction of Crop Insurance for ground-nut growing districts of Mahaboobnagar, Anathapur and Cuddapah of Andhra Pradesh.

The groundnut growing farmers of Mahabubnagar, Ananthapur and Cuddapah are facing problems because of the non-settlement of crop insurance to the tune of Rs.943.42 lakh. The reason given by the Government of India is that the areas claimed for insurance are more than the sown areas. It is not true. Actually, the sown areas claimed by the groundnut farmers are factual and, in effect, the ground reality. Some of the crop cutting experiments have fallen in irrigated areas and the same have distorted the yields in some of the Mandals, as a whole. It is requested that groundnut yields in rainfed areas only should be taken into account, after excluding the yields observed in irrigated areas.

Hence, I would request the Union Minister for Agriculture, through you, Sir, to settle the matter immediately. The hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has also written to the hon. Union Minister for Agriculture on 23.09.2000. But the matter is pending. Thank you.